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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Subcommittee on Procedures Review, Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting for the aforementioned subcommittee:

TIME AND DATE:

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., April 11, 2012

PLACE: Cincinnati Airport Marriott, 2395 Progress Drive,
Hebron, Kentucky 41018, Telephone (859)334-4611, Fax
(859)334-4619.

STATUS: Open to the public, but without a verbal public comment period. Written comment should be provided to the contact person below in advance of the meeting. To access by conference

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BACKGROUND: The ABRWH was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to advise the President on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the compensation program. Key functions of the ABRWH include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines that have been promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a final rule; advice on methods of dose reconstruction which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule; advice on the scientific validity and quality of dose estimation and reconstruction efforts being performed for purposes of the compensation program; and advice on petitions to add classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC).

In December 2000, the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the ABRWH to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, and will expire on August 3, 2013.

PURPOSE: The ABRWH is charged with (a) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advising the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is a reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class. The Subcommittee on Procedures Review was established to aid the ABRWH in carrying out its duty to advise the Secretary, HHS, on dose reconstructions. The Subcommittee on Procedures Review is responsible for overseeing, tracking, and participating in the reviews of all procedures used in the dose reconstruction process by the NIOSH Division of Compensation Analysis and Support (DCAS) and its dose reconstruction contractor.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: The agenda for the Subcommittee meeting includes discussion of the following Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) and Division of Compensation Analysis and Support (DCAS) procedures: Office of Compensation Analysis and Support (OCAS) TIB-0010 "Best Estimate External

Dose Reconstruction for Glovebox Workers"); DCAS TIB-0013 ("Selected Geometric Exposure Scenario Considerations for External Dose Reconstruction at Uranium Facilities"), OTIB-0052 ("Parameters to Consider When Processing Claims for Construction Trade Workers"), OTIB-0054 ("Fission and Activation Product Assignment for Internal Dose-Related Gross Beta and Gross Gamma Analyses"), and PER 20 ("Blockson TBD Revision"); Identification of Overarching Dose Reconstruction Issues; Discussion of Completed Procedure Reviews for Summarization; and a continuation of the comment-resolution process for other dose reconstruction procedures under review by the Subcommittee.

The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

In the event an individual cannot attend, written comments may be submitted. Any written comments received will be provided at the meeting and should be submitted to the contact person below well in advance of the meeting.

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